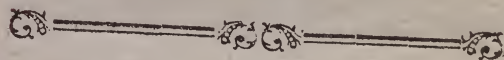


stratagems; so the young man, or divine messenger, suddenly disappeared, yet leaving his fellow traveller in good hands.

## MORAL.

*Respecting the dispensations of God's Providence, we may rest assured, however they may appear dark and intricate to us, they always are and must be right.*



ON THE  
GOVERNMENT of the PASSIONS:  
A MORAL ESSAY.

*Nosce teipsum.*

THE wise and gracious Author of Nature has indulgently furnished the human species with passions, intended to be inexhaustible sources of pleasures through this mortal life; and when they prove otherwise, our own imprudence most commonly, (and not the laws of Nature) must be to blame—"Whatever is, is right," is in general true, if we restrict it to the primary intentions

tions of the God of Nature\*: and w  
any thing happens which is wrong,  
rest assured that it happens by the pe  
of natural laws, and the depravity of  
man heart. Even divine judgments,  
not to be traced by us to their origin  
and though they sometimes apparen  
the marks of cruelty and injustice  
could we plainly discover their neces  
intention, we should find them redu  
this one principle.

Were it possibly to train up a chi  
his infancy, in the paths of simple na  
to let him enjoy with moderation what  
passions might require, and not only  
him, but even to keep him unacquain  
every immoderate gratification, there  
the least doubt but he would be hap  
cause Nature intends that all her  
should be so.—I mean this only of th  
passions; the passions of the mind be  
more refined and pure nature, and mo  
cult to be kept under proper govern  
Yet even these, in a great measure, dep  
the sensual passions: and, therefore, w  
species is uniformly kept under prop  
lations, the other will be so too.

\* Men may do wrong, but the all-wise Creator  
not err, what he appoints or permits to come  
always for wise and good ends.